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Dear Nick,

Resubmission of P4 Modification Report

Please find attached a revised version of the P4 Modification Report, which is resubmitted to you for Authority determination.

Background

The Modification Report for P4 that was previously lodged with the Authority specified an Implementation Date of 27 March 2002. In February 2002, it became apparent that the absence of an Authority decision meant that the work necessary by the industry to implement the Alternative Modification could not be completed by the proposed Implementation Date. The BSC Panel therefore agreed at its meeting on 14 February 2002 to seek the Authority's permission to withdraw the Modification Report and to consult on a revised Implementation Date. The Authority agreed to the withdrawal of the Modification Report and a consultation on a revised Implementation Date has been carried out.

At its meeting on 14 March 2002, the BSC Panel considered the results of the consultation on a revised Implementation Date and agreed that the Implementation Date for Modification Proposal P4 should be amended to state: -

The Alternative Modification as set out in Section 7 of this report be approved with an Implementation Date of the release date for BSC Systems which first occurs not less than 3 months after the date of the Authority's decision.

On the basis of a 3 month lead time for Participants, the effect of the proposed date would be as follows: -

- an Authority decision by the end of April 2002 would lead to an Implementation Date of 10 August 2002;
- an Authority decision after the end of April 2002 but before the end of August 2002 would lead to an Implementation Date in December 2002;
- an Authority decision after the end of August 2002 but before the end of October 2002 would lead to an Implementation Date in February 2003; and

- an Authority decision after the end of October 2002 but before the end of February 2003 would lead to an Implementation Date in June 2003.

Potential Interaction With Change Proposal CP755

The BSC Panel requested that the Authority's attention be drawn to a Change Proposal that is currently under consideration. Change Proposal CP755 has recently been raised and, if approved, would have the effect of changing BSCP 41 so as to allow the additional reports referred to in the P4 Alternative Modification to be provided to Parties. CP755 is being presented to the March ISG meeting to seek approval for inclusion in the BSC Systems Release 2 in August this year. If approved by the ISG, CP755 will provide 4 months notice which will satisfy all Parties, the majority requiring 3 months or less. However, ISG may not approve CP755 or may not approve it in its current form, in which case it may not fully satisfy the requirements of the P4 Alternative Modification.

Should CP755 be approved by the ISG in its current form, the remaining actions required to implement the P4 Alternative Modification will only consist of a change to Section V of the Code to add in the additional reports.

Yours sincerely

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